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Request:

We are requesting information about the fee rates paid by local authorities to care providers for the provision of home care and residential social care services.

We have drawn on the categories used and described by the Association of Directors of Adult Social Services to define the information we are requesting. If these definitions are not compatible with how the data is collected, please provide the most similar available information with an explanatory note or contact us for further clarity.

Throughout this request, if the information is not yet available for the requested period, please substitute the most recently available period and advise of the period reported in your response.

1. Please provide the information regarding fee rates paid to independent and voluntary sector providers in September 20221 for the provision of CQC regulated home care for disabled adults, including those with a learning disability and/or autism.
 - i. Lowest hourly rate.
 - ii. Highest hourly rate.
 - iii. Average hourly rate (please specify the basis e.g. mean / median)

Please exclude rates for the provision of care and support at night as these are included within question 2.

Please include all independent/private and non-profit providers.

By disability we are referring to physical, mental, sensory, learning or cognitive impairment as distinct from mental illness or needs associated with old age alone. Please indicate if your response adopts different criteria.

If you give weekly or other periodic rates, please specify the number of hours of direct support funded by those rates.

- a. If you pay different rates for supported living or extra care services from your home care rates, please provide the following information for each. Alternatively, please confirm that you pay the same rates.
 - i. Lowest hourly rate.
 - ii. Highest hourly rate.
 - iii. Average hourly rate (please specify the basis e.g. mean / median)
- b. If you pay different rates for adults aged 18-64 years old from those aged 65 or over, please provide the following information for each. Alternatively, please confirm that you pay the same rates.
 - i. Lowest hourly rate.
 - ii. Highest hourly rate.
 - iii. Average hourly rate (please specify the basis e.g. mean / median)

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2. Please provide the following information regarding fee rates paid to independent and voluntary sector providers in September 2022 for the provision of care and support at night.
 - a. For waking night staff.
 - i. Lowest hourly rate.
 - ii. Highest hourly rate.
 - iii. Average hourly rate (please specify the basis e.g. mean / median)
 - b. For sleep-in staff.
 - i. Lowest hourly rate.
 - ii. Highest hourly rate.
 - iii. Average hourly rate (please specify the basis e.g. mean / median)

Should the council pay a fixed rate, then this may be offered as an alternative to hourly rates. Please specify the number of hours of direct support funded by those rates.

3. Please provide the following information regarding the fee rates paid to independent and voluntary sector providers in September 2022 for council-funded residential social care for disabled adults, including those with a learning disability and/or autism.
 - a. For adults aged 18 – 64, with a learning disability.
 - i. Lowest weekly fee.
 - ii. Highest weekly fee.
 - iii. Average weekly fee (please specify the basis e.g. mean / median)
 - b. For adults aged 18 – 64, with a physical disability.
 - i. Lowest weekly fee.
 - ii. Highest weekly fee.
 - iii. Average weekly fee (please specify the basis e.g. mean / median)
 - c. For adults aged 65 and over, with a learning disability.
 - i. Lowest weekly fee.
 - ii. Highest weekly fee.
 - iii. Average weekly fee (please specify the basis e.g. mean / median)
 - d. For adults aged 65 and over, with a physical disability.
 - i. Lowest weekly fee.
 - ii. Highest weekly fee.
 - iii. Average weekly fee (please specify the basis e.g. mean / median)
4. Please provide the following information for the 12-month period ending September 2022 (or such other recent 12-month period for which the information is available) regarding contracts with independent and voluntary sector providers for council

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funded social care for disabled adults including those with a learning disability and/or autism which have been handed back by the provider mid-term or where the provider has declined to renew the contract.

- a. For council funded residential social care
 - i. The number of contracts
 - ii. The number of individuals supported by those contracts
 - iii. The number of contracts terminated by voluntary sector providers specifically
 - iv. The number of individuals supported by those contracts
- b. For council funded home care and/or supported living
 - i. The number of contracts
 - ii. The number of individuals supported by those contracts
 - iii. The number of contracts terminated by voluntary sector providers specifically
 - iv. The number of individuals supported by those contracts
- c. We wish to understand the council's level of confidence in the security of current provision. Over the next 12 months does the council expect the numbers in the responses to question 4
 - i. To increase
 - ii. To remain about the same
 - iii. To decrease

Response:

Questions 1, 2 and 3:

This information is refused in answer to this request under section 21, information accessible to the applicant by other means. The reason for this is that this information is published on the North Tyneside website here:

<https://my.northtyneside.gov.uk/category/786/our-commissioning-intentions>

A request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 entitles an applicant to recorded information only. Averages are not recorded by the Authority. The source information provided in the above link should enable you to calculate your own averages.

Question 4:

- a.
 - i. 0
 - ii. Not applicable
 - iii. Not applicable
 - iv. Not applicable

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- b.
 - i. 1
 - ii. 9
 - iii. 0
 - iv. Not applicable

- c. This question is not a request for information as per section 8(1) of the FOI Act, in which it states that a valid request for information is a request which, among other criteria, “describes the information requested.”
Information is defined in section 84 of the Act as “information recorded in any form.”

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